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Applicant points out that the EP 0290968A and GB 1206533A references listed on the foreign office action were filed with an IDS on January 12, 2004 in the present application, and

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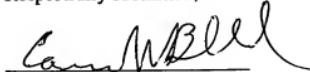
thus are not filed again herewith. Also, the EP 0560416A reference listed in the foreign action is related to US 5,339,875, which has already been filed in the parent application 09/874,357, which issued as US 6,527,018.

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